

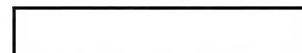
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1. CAFE FILHO ANNOUNCES PLANS TO RETURN TO
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Brazil's President Café Filho, who had been on a leave of absence following his heart attack on 3 November, announced on 21 November that he was returning to office. This announcement has created a new political crisis, and army troops have again occupied key positions in Rio de Janeiro.

Although Acting President Nereu Ramos on 17 November reaffirmed Café's constitutional right to return to his post, a large anti-Kubitschek newspaper asserted at the time that the army would intervene to prevent such a move, and another prominent paper demanded that Congress impeach Café if he returned to office. An absolute majority in the Chamber of Deputies would suffice for impeachment.

Café Filho has been consistently linked with the important political and military forces averse to the inauguration of President-elect Juscelino Kubitschek, although after the 3 October elections he publicly declared that Kubitschek, if validly elected, should take office.

Should Café Filho after resuming his duties as president announce any sudden change in the military members of his cabinet, War Minister Lott, who led the army's 'preventive coup' of 11 November, would probably oust Café in order 'to preserve the constitution' and permit the inauguration of Kubitschek as scheduled on 31 January.

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No significant military activity has been reported.

The American military attaché in Tel Aviv believes, however, that the danger of Israeli reprisals against Jordan has become more serious because of the increase in the number of incursions from Jordan during the past several days. The Arab Legion is reported to be trying to determine whether there is a set pattern to these incidents, presumably in the hope of forestalling them.

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